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FOUR OF THE five Democratic incumbents representing parts of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade, and Monroe counties in Congress will face Republican challengers in November. The other, Rep. Bill Lehman, escaped opposition, as did Rep. E. Clay Shaw, a Republican. Rep. Tom Lewis, also a Republican, has only write-in opposition in November. Of the four Democrats challenged, Rep. Claude Pepper will face Tom Brodie in November and Rep. Dan Mica faces Rick Martin in District 14. In the other two districts, Republicans on Tuesday must choose between two candidates.

Mary Collins and Mike Kostiw both seek to oppose Rep. Larry Smith in District 16, which includes much of South Broward and West Dade. José Clay and Bill Flanagan are listed on the primary ballot in Rep. Dante Fascell's District 19, which includes South Dade and the Florida Keys.

Mrs. Collins has been active in party affairs for years, including eight as Dade's state committeewoman. Yet her experience has been more in the mechanics of politics — organizing, raising money, getting out the vote — than in dealing with issues. This shows in her shallow responses on key issues ranging from defense to tax reform.

Her GOP opponent, Mr. Kostiw, has somewhat the opposite problem. On the issues he gives thoughtful answers born of his years of experience with the Central Intelligence Agency and with Texaco, his current employer. He's a

persuasive advocate of aid for Nicaragua's contras, for instance, and he speaks six languages. Yet Mr. Kostiw



Mike Kostiw

has had less of a chance than Mrs. Collins to learn of the everyday concerns of voters in the 16th District.

On balance, though, Mr. Kostiw is much better prepared to mount a challenge to the incumbent and, if elected, to serve effectively in Congress. To Republicans in the 16th District, then, *The Herald* recommends Mike Kostiw.

In the 19th District, the choice is easy. José Clay, a Cuban-born financial consultant, is a mainstream conservative with concerns not limited to issues of particular interest to Hispanics. He has compiled an admirable record of civic involvement in the district. His platform is based on responsible support for President Reagan's policies.



José Clay

Meanwhile, Mr. Clay's eccentric primary opponent refuses to participate in the ordinary campaign processes that enable voters to make an informed choice. To Republicans in the 19th District, then, *The Herald* strongly recommends José Clay.